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HIGHLIGHTS

THIS ISSUE CONTAINS ALASKA ESTIMATES FOR THE 2000 PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF BARLEY, OATS, HAY, AND POTATOES; THE DECEMBER 1, 2000 HOG AND PIG INVENTORY; THE 2000 CALF, LAMB, AND PIG CROP; THE 2000 MILK PRODUCTION; AND JANUARY 1, 2000 CATTLE AND SHEEP INVENTORY.

POTATO STOCKS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2001 TOTALED 60 PERCENT OF THE 2000 CROP

JANUARY **MILK** PRODUCTION UP 20 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO.

JANUARY 1, 2001 LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

CATTLE: All cattle and calves on January 1, 2001 totaled 10,500 head, up 500 head from 2000. This includes 4,800 head of cows that have calved, 1,500 heifers over 500 pounds; 2,000 bulls and steers over 500 pounds and 2,200 calves. Total value of cattle and calves on January 1 is not available at this time.

BEEF COWS, at 3,700 head were up 200 head from a year ago. Beef-type replacement heifers over 500 pounds totaled 700 head.

There were 1,100 **MILK COWS** that have calved up 200 from a year ago and 400 head of dairy replacement heifers on hand January 1, 2000, unchanged from a year ago.

An estimated 2,200 **CALVES** were born in 2000, down 400 from the 1999 level.

Stock **SHEEP & LAMBS** on January 1 numbered 1,300 head, down 200 head from last year. This included 600 ewes and 300 head of wethers and rams 1 year and older. Lambs under 1 year old totaled 400. Total value of all sheep and lambs is not available at this time.

LAMB CROP: Alaska 2000 lamb crop totaled 700 head, also unchanged from 1999.

On December 1, 2000, **HOGS & PIGS** totaled 800 head, down 600 head from a year ago. Breeding hogs totaled 200 head while

market hogs were estimated at 600 head. The 2000 pig crop (Dec. 1999 through Nov. 2000) was estimated at 1600 head. Total value of all hogs and pigs is not available at this time.

Preliminary estimate of 2000 **MILK PRODUCTION** totaled 13,100,000 pounds, down from the previous year's production of 13,600,000 pounds. Milk per cow averaged 14,160,000 pounds, down from 14,170 pounds in 1999.

2000 CROP SUMMARY

Growers harvested 3,300 acres of **BARLEY** for grain in 2000, down 1,300 acres from a year ago. Production was 102,500 bushels with a yield of 31.1 bushels per acre. Production value at \$369,000 compares with \$581,000 in 1999.

OATS for grain was harvested from 300 acres in 2000, down 1,200 acres from 1999. A yield of 23.3 bushels per acre was realized with production of 7,000 bushels. This compares with

62,100 bushels produced in 1999. Production value, at \$22,000 compares with \$152,000 a year earlier.

HAY farmers harvested 18,000 acres in 2000 with a production of 17,000 tons. A year ago, 20,300 acres were harvested with a production of 23,200 tons. Grass hay made up 17,500 acres and grain hay, mostly oat hay, accounted for the remaining 500 acres, down 500 acres from last year. The All hay yield of .94 tons per acre compares with 1.14 tons per acre in 1999. The value of production at \$3,740,000 with \$4,524,000 a year ago.

POTATO growers harvested 840 acres in 2000, down slightly from a year ago. Production totaled 129,000 cwt., down 56,000 cwt from last year's crop. Production value was \$2,761,000 compared with last year's value of \$3,830,000.

ALASKA MILK PRODUCTION

January milk production of 1.16 million pounds, was unchanged from December 2000 but is up 195,000 pounds from a year ago. Milk cows, at 1,100 head, were up 200 from a year ago. Production per cow at 1,060 pounds was up 10 pounds from December but down 20 pounds from January 2000.

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

Potato cellars held 77,000 cwt of potatoes as of February 1, 2001, compared with 129,000 cwt on hand a year ago. This was 60 percent of 2000 production. Disappearance since January 1, was 12,800 cwt compared with the average 13,900 cwt.

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LIVESTOCK AND MILK

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CROPS

	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production		Value (000) Dollars	
As of January 1	1999	2000*	1999	2000*	1999	2000*	1999	2000*	1999	2000*
	BARLEY (BU.)									
Tanana Valley	5200	5100	4500	3200	33.7	31.2	151800	99700	567	358
Matanuska Valley	200	200	100	100	30.0	28.0	3000	2800	14	11
State Total	5400	5300	4600	3300	33.7	31.1	154800	102500	581	369
	OATS (BU.)									
State Total	3400	2500	1500	300	41.4	23.3	62100	7000	152	22
	ALL HAY (TONS)									
Tanana Valley	--	--	9900	7600	1.06	.66	10500	4680	1785	931
Matanuska Valley	--	--	8200	8000	1.24	1.20	10200	9620	2153	2210
Kenai Peninsula**	--	--	2200	2400	1.13	1.0	2500	2700	586	599
State Total	--	--	20300	18000	1.14	.94	23200	17000	4524	3740
	POTATOES (CWT)									
Tanana Valley	390	330	320	320	153	61	48800	19500	1005	417
Matanuska Valley	540	510	510	500	265	217	135000	108500	2800	2319
Kenai Peninsula**	20	20	20	20	60	50	1200	1000	25	25
State Total	950	860	850	840	218	154	185000	129000	3830	2761
* Preliminary ** Includes all other areas. Dash indicates not available.										